Sl.No,	Name	Location
(0	Talcher Stage -I	Dhenkanal District in Orissa.
(ii)	Chandrapur Stage-I	Chandrapur Distiict in Maharashtra.
(iii)	Yamunanagar stage-I	Ambala District in Haryana
(iv)	North Karanpura Stage-I	Ranchi District in Bihar.
(v)	Rihand Stage-II .	Mirzapur District in Uttrar Presesh.
(vi)	Vindhyachal stage-n	Sidhi District in Madhya Pradesh.
(vii)	Farakka Stage-Ill	Murshidabad District in West Bengal.

Thermal Power Generation

694. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently initiated an action plan to galvanise the thermal power output in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the thermal power generation is likely-to be en-hanced and the steep problem of po-wer shortages is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) to (c) In order to' offset the shortfall in hydel' generation, a contingency plan was formulated and implemented to increase the thermal generation during. 1987-88. Various measures taken to increase thermal generation included rescheduling of planned maintenance taking into account current per-formance of the unit, bringing back units under forced outage and planned maintenance within the shortest possible time, arranging for additional supplies of coal etc. As a result of these measures, the thermal generation during 1987-88. was more than the target by over 6 billion units. The target for thermal generation during 1988-89 has been fixed as 163,000 MUs which is about 14 per cent higher than the target for 1987-88. ' Overall power shortage in the country during 1987-88 was 10.9 per cent. Against this the anticipated power shortage during 1988-89 is 8.7 per cent

Commercial Utilisation Of Gas

695. PROF. C 1AKSHMANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GA6 be pleased to state:

(a) what steps would be taken by Government to commercially utilise the huge out put of natural 'gas and crude from Krishna and. Godavari basin:

(to) whether there are any proposals formulated by Government to utilise the Natural gas as in done by HBJ Pipeline with the gas from Bombay High;

(c) whether any country has come forward to collaborate in the utilisa tion of this natural gas; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?